



TIMETABLE

MAY 2024

General Meeting & BOD Election

May 11 @ 10 am

Tucson Botanical Gardens

2150 N. Alvernon Way

Check out their new G-scale layout after the meeting: The Great Garden Express

Slate of Officers

President

Willis Fagg

Vice President

Claudia Nelson

Secretary

Charlie Weesner

Treasurer

Margaret Torres Nelson

Newsletter Editor

Jim Miller

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Jerry Tulino

At Large:

John Fennema

Wally Gazdzik

Ron Koehler

Ann Winter

April Meeting at John Carmichael & Phil Pappas



Pima County Fair

The scouts at the fair



Our visitors





We  our
Volunteers

Thanks to all the members who worked at the Pima County Fair, including the scouts from troop 157.

Special thanks goes to John Fennema who oversaw and supported the layout during the entire run.



Welcome

**New
Members**

Mason & Connor Van Cleve

Mason & Mary Jo Brunner

Scott Hill

Ed & Chelsea Carter



**DON'T
FORGET!**

- **May 8 - BOD Meeting (Nelson)**
- **May 11 - General Meeting & Elections
(Tucson Botanical Gardens)**
- **May 22 - Social Luncheon (Red
Garter)**
- **June 19 - BOD Meeting (Nelson)**
- **June 26 - Social Luncheon (The
Depot)**

Member Spotlight



*John
Fennema*



John's journey is quite remarkable, and it's clear that his military service has been a significant part of his life. His experience in communications and recruitment, along with Audrie's expertise in communication security, speaks to a strong background in military operations. It's interesting to note how a passion for G-scale trains, sparked in Texas, could have been influenced earlier if he had discovered them during his time in Germany.

After retiring from the military, John's transition to civilian life included diverse roles before he achieved his dream job with the railroad. It's a testament to his adaptability and determination.

John's Autobiography: My Life as a Railroader



A short history of G-Scale

Information supplied by Thomas Preisner

G-Scale, also known as Garden Scale, is a popular model train scale that allows enthusiasts to create large, outdoor layouts.

1. Origin and Brand:

- G-Scale was created by E.P. Lehmann in 1968 under the brand name LGB (Lehmann Gross Bahn - Lehmann Big Trains).
- LGB chose a track size of 45 mm, which is also used by 1 Gauge trains.

2. Scale and Narrow Gauge:

- 1 Gauge models represent standard gauge trains at a 1:32 scale.
- LGB trains were originally based on a 1:22.5 scale, equivalent to 3-foot narrow gauge.
- LGB has used various scales from 1:18 to 1:30 over time, leading to some ambiguity regarding the exact scale.

3. Track Size and Following:

- The correct track size for G-Scale standard gauge is 64 mm.
- This track size has a certain following in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

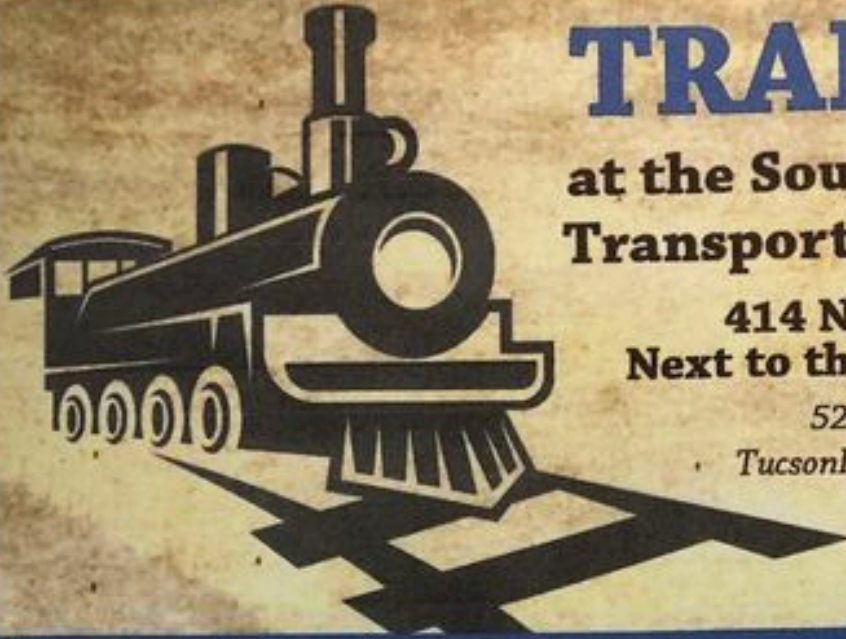
4. Challenges and Couplers:

- Unlike other scales (such as Z, N, HO, S, or O Gauge), there is no universally accepted scale in G-Scale.
- Scales in G-Scale can range from 1:20.3 to 1:29.
- Similarly, there is no universally accepted coupler between different manufacturers.
- Many G-Scale models use the hook and loop couplers or similar variants.

For more information about G-Scale history and international suppliers, check out the following links:

[Additional history](#)

[International manufacturers](#)



TRAIN DAY

at the Southern Arizona
Transportation Museum

414 N. Toole Ave.
Next to the Amtrak Depot

520.623.2223

TucsonHistoricDepot.org



Saturday, May 11, 2024
10am - 2pm

FREE Family Fun!

STOP in front of Locomotive 1673 (the star of the movie, "Oklahoma")

LOOK at the Museum's bilingual exhibits

CLIMB into the cab of Steam Locomotive 1673 and ring the bell

SHOP in the Museum Gift Shop • **RIDE** the Fun Farm Choo Choo • **CREATE** children's art activities

CHECK OUT the mural, "The Arrival of the Railroad" • **OPERATION LIFESAVER**

*Tee Shirts, Model Trains, Railroad Paintings
\$ For Sale \$*



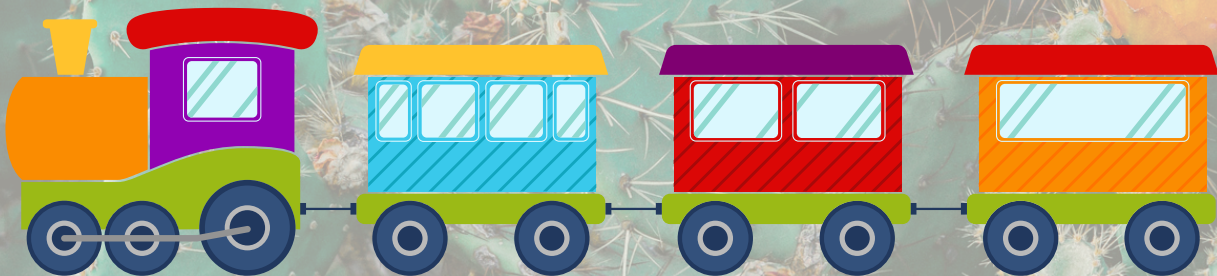
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TRAIN DAY
MAY 11, 2024

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ALL SCALES AND
ACCESSORIES

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Links of Interest

The May issue of **The Garden Whistle** from the Christchurch Garden Railway Group and features news from various G scale Groups in New Zealand.

The Northeast Large Scale Train Show was held in W. Springfield, MA, last weekend.

NELSTS

The April issue of **The Short Line** published by Jeff Damerst, one of Thomas Preisner's friends.

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The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
on May 8th @
1:00pm - Nelson's.

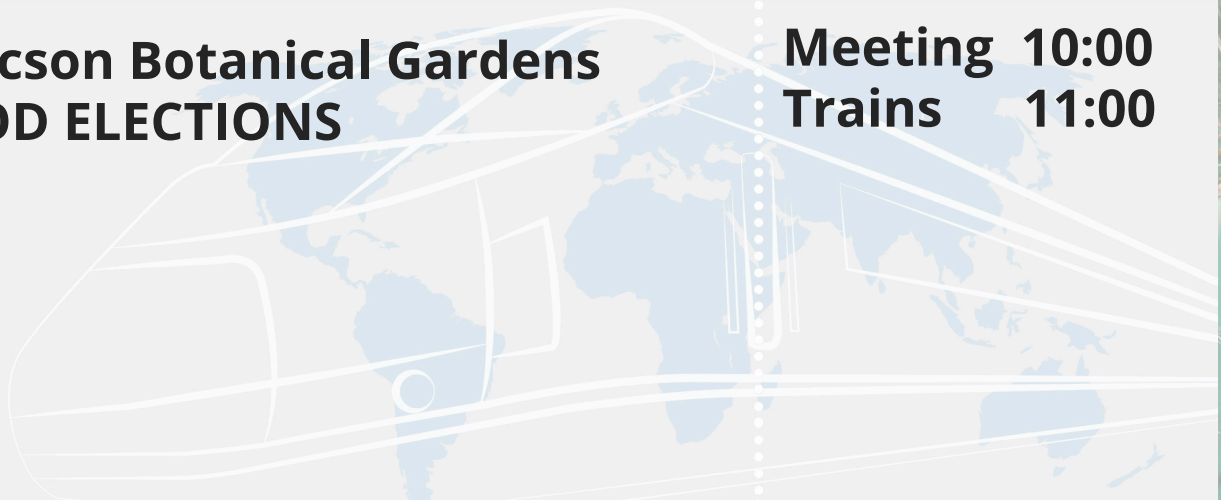
2023-2024 Spring Meetings

Train Ticket

**May 11 - Tucson Botanical Gardens
BOD ELECTIONS**

⇌ Train Ticket

**Meeting 10:00
Trains 11:00**



**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2024
Charmichael/Pappas Layout**

16 club members signed the attendance sheet, no guests

March minutes were approved.

Club treasurer report – Margaret Torres Nelson

- All account balance just under \$18k
- Board approved a \$700 donation to the Community Food Bank from RITG donations, in addition to the \$320 in checks written directly to the CFB.
- Looking into a CD for some of our club money at Vantage West

Vice President report – John Fennema

County fair

- Starts Thursday – 95% ready to go.
- Scouts will “have their scene open” by the time we start the fair.
- Thanks to David Nelson for modeling containers & Port of Tucson forklifts, loads.
- Some shifts are still short-staffed.
- We’ll have containers and double-stack train
- Tear-down slated for April 29th

Newsletter report – Claudia is out sick. Thanks for contributing articles.

Membership – Jerry Tulino

- 70 families total. Two of the RITG sign-ups have volunteered for the fair.

Website - Jerry Tulino

- back to TGRS general information

Public displays report – Charlie Weesner

- TBG layout taken out March 20.

Social Activities – Ann Winter

- None in April due to the fair

Old business

- Elections for officers and board will be held at May meeting.

Proposed slate of candidates

- Willis Fagg – President
- Claudia Nelson – Vice President
- Margaret Torres Nelson – Treasurer
- Charlie Weesner – Secretary
- Jim Miller – Newsletter
- Jerry Tulino – Membership/Webmaster
- John Fennema – member at large
- Ann Winter – member at large
- Ron Koehler – member at large
- Wally Gadzick – member at large

• **Reminder that we are delegating RITG to Sally Jacunski and the fair to John Fennema – away from VP responsibility**

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

New business

Next February, Ann Winter has a contact in Benson asking us to visit to publicize RITG

2025 at an RV park meeting. Discussion about our relations with ABTO mentions Daryl Wolford visited RITG 2024, but there wasn't a large contingent of members. Their layout tour this spring was 4 layouts.

Meetings

April 18-28 – Pima County Fair

May 8 – board meeting, Nelson house

May 11 – general meeting at Tucson Botanical Gardens



Thanks to John Fennema and Thomas Preisner for their contributions.

The Timetable is published monthly by the Tucson Garden Railway Society and features news, photos, and articles from club members in Southern Arizona.

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The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation incorporated in Pima County, Arizona. Society members are interested in all areas of garden and modular large scale railroading. We welcome new members and hope you will consider joining. Members help each other build layouts and learn about railroading and modeling. Membership dues are \$30.00 per year and include up to two name badges. New members joining July thru December will be charged \$30.00. Members joining January thru June will be charged \$15.00. Additional name badges cost \$1.00 per badge. If you are interested in TGRS please contact one of the officers at the e-mails listed above. If you wish to join immediately, send a check and your name, address and telephone number and the names for any additional badges to: Jerry Tulino, 6911 E. Baker, Tucson, AZ 85710. Membership application link is below:

[TGRS Membership Application](#)